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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE FOR ASST. SECY. SCHAUFLE'S VISIT TO BOTSWANA

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- 1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF PRESS INQUIRIES ON ASST. SECY. SCHAUFELE'S VISIT, INCLUDING PHONE CALLS FROM LOCAL MEDIA AND ARGUS AFRICA NEWS SERVICE. THE LATTER HAS REQUESTED INTERVIEW; RADIO BOTSWANA WILL PROBABLY DO THE SAME. WE ARE DISCOURAGING PRESS INTERVIEWS ON BASIS OF STATEMENT PARA 3 REFTEL THAT VISIT SHOULD BE GIVEN LOW-KEY MEDIA TREATMENT. HOWEVER, MEDIA AWARE OF ASST. SECY. SCHAUFELE VISIT HERE JULY 9. THREFORE, REQUEST PRESS GUIDANCE FOR USE BEFORE VISIT AND ON WHETHER SCHAUFELE WOULD BE PREPARED TO GRANT INTERVIEW WITH LOCAL AND SOUTH AFRICAN MEDIA (BOTH ARGUS AND RAND DAILY MAIL REPRESENTED HERE).
- 2. EMBASSY HAS PREPARED FOLLOWING DRAFT PRESS RELEASE TO BE ISSUED AFTER SCHAUFELE'S DEPARTURE JULY 10. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS ON THIS RELEASE. QUOTE: ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS, WILLIAM E. SCHAUFELE, JR., VISITED GABORONE JULY 9 AND 10 FOR CONSULTATION WITH PRESIDENT SIR SERETSE KHAMA ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN AND BILATERAL ISSUES. THEIR DISCUSSIONS WERE DESCRIBED BY MR. SCHAUFELE CONFIDENTIAL

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AS "FORTHRIGHT AND FRUITFUL".

3. QUOTE: ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELE'S TRIP TAKES PLACE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF U.S. EFFORTS TO ASSIST IN THE PROCESS OF FINDING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, A PROCESS BEGUN WITH SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S AFRICAN TOUR IN APRIL. THE IMPETUS GAINED FROM THIS TOUR HAS BEEN MAINTAINED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER VORSTER AND BY THE VISIT TO AFRICA OF GOVERNOR WILLIAM W. SCRANTON, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

4. QUOTE: IN ADDITION TO BOTSWANA, MR. SCHAUFELE WILL VISIT ZAMBIA, TANZANIA, ZAIRE, THE IVORY COAST AND SENEGAL. UNQUOTE BOLEN

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